

**AMENDED CLAIMS - CLEAN VERSION**

1. [Canceled]
2. [Canceled]
3. [Canceled]
4. [Canceled]
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6. [Canceled]
7. [Canceled]
8. [Canceled]
9. [Canceled]
10. [Canceled]
11. [Canceled]
12. [Amended] A construction layout strip having the following repeating units on the same construction layout stripping where adjoining partitions share a common upright, the strip comprising:
  - a. a pliable, non-elastic base,
  - b. a first repeating set of partitions, each defined by a pair of uprights on the base, each partition adapted to grippingly receive a 1  $\frac{5}{8}$ " framing member, the set including:
    - i. a first partition with a center,
    - ii. a second partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the first partition,
    - iii. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the second partition is 8" from a center of the first partition of a next first repeating set of partitions;
  - c. a second set of repeating partitions adjacent to the first set of repeating partitions, each of which is adapted to grippingly receive a 3  $\frac{5}{8}$ " framing member, the set including:
    - i. a first partition with a center, the partition including an upright shared with the first partition from the first set,
    - ii. a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition, the second partition including a shared upright with the second partition from the first set,

- iii. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is 8" from a center of the first partition of a next second set of repeating partitions;

whereby a user can place 1 5/8" or 3 5/8" framing members on 16" or 24" centers using the same construction layout stripping.

13. [Canceled]

14. [Canceled]

15. [New] The strip of claim 12 further comprising the base having cutting ribs defined thereon that provide a cutting means to allow a user to make a clean cut at a desired length with a blade cutting device.

16. [New] The strip of claim 12 where the base is comprised of two layers, an elastic layer and a non-elastic layer, the two layers then bonded together, whereby the elastic layer provides a material for grippingly engaging the construction members and from which the uprights can be defined, and the non-elastic layer provides support so that the strip does not stretch distorting the spacing intervals.

17. [New] The strip of claim 12, the base having a first sticky surface for more securely grippingly engaging construction members placed into the partitions defined thereon.

18. [New] The strip of claim 17, the base having a second sticky surface on an opposite side from the first sticky surface claimed dependent claim 17 above, for grippingly engaging a surface to which the strip is being applied, whereby the strip can be attached to a surface to facilitate the layout of construction members on an opposite surface of the strip.

19. [New] The strip of claim 12 further comprising a third set of repeating partitions adjacent to the second set, the third set disposed on the same spacing interval as the second set and each partition thereof sharing an upright with the second set, each partition in the third set adapted to grippingly engage 1/2 inch framing members.